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North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK
April 5-11, 2004

WHEREAS, public health activities protect North Dakotans from infectious and chronic diseases, environmental and workplace hazards, unintentional injuries and violence; and

WHEREAS, public health programs and services benefit everyone regardless of race, ethnicity or socioeconomic status and are essential to a strong, successful health system; and

WHEREAS, public health strives to eliminate inequality in personal health, health-care utilization and health-care access, and works to inspire people who want to reduce health disparities in their communities; and

WHEREAS, educating people about the benefits of healthy behaviors is an essential element in attaining good health and preventing premature illness and death; and

WHEREAS, state and local public health agencies and the citizens of North Dakota are encouraged to celebrate and acknowledge the many benefits of public health; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 5-11, 2004, **PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State